

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are now in the application. Applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention identified by the examiner as Group VI and drawn to a contra-rotating screw machine with one-channel rotational transmission means and with planetary motion of the male member and rotational motion of the female member. (Figures 11-12). Claims 1-2, 4-7, 15, and 17 read on the elected species.

As appreciated by the Examiner, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-22 are directed to a single inventive concept as required by PCT rule 13.1. Claims 1 and 18 substantially define the single invention. Claim 1 is directed to a screw machine which has a specific layout for putting a working medium (substance) into motion, or converting a working medium (substance) motion into energy. Claim 18 is the corresponding method for the invention defined in claim 1. Specifically, claim 18 defines the method for converting working medium (substance) motion into energy, or energy into working medium (substance) motion. Claims 1 and 18 are alternative ways of claiming the same invention.

More specifically, claims 1 and 18 correspond in the following manner. The element of claim 1 of “the axis of said second member... revolve about the fixed axis of said first member” corresponds to “driving one of male or female member into planetary motion” of claim 18. Furthermore, the element of claim 1 of “A first one of a male or female member is able to rotate on itself” corresponds to “an independent degree of freedom relative to the fixed central axis of the other member” of claim 18.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending application is directed to a single, patentable invention. As such, the required restriction is improper and unnecessary. Applicant asserts that a favorable reconsideration of the objections is required.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

A one-month extension of time fee is due with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22193-00009-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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